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RUSSIA.

Further concerning a mysterious disease in Samara.

ST. PETERSBURG, *September 16, 1899.*

SIR: I have the honor to inclose herewith a copy and translation of a communication concerning the sanitary condition of the city of Samara inclosed in a note from the imperial foreign office, dated September 2 (14th), 1899.

Respectfully, yours,

HERBERT H. D. PEIRCE,
Chargé d'Affaires, ad interim.

Hon. SECRETARY OF STATE.

[Inclosure—Translation.]

(Translation of a communication published in No. 191 of the Official Messenger dated September 2, 1899.)

As a supplement to the information contained in No. 189 of the Official Messenger, dated August 30 last, concerning cases of a suspicious disease which have broken out in the city of Samara, the commission organized by supreme command for taking measures against the plague, announces that it appears from information coming from Samara and from His Imperial Highness Prince Alexander, of Oldenberg, president of the commission, that the cases of sickness, the character of which were suspicious, have been observed at Samara only among the working classes of the population. According to anatomical, pathological, and bacteriological examinations recently made by Dr. W. K. Wysokovitch, professor of pathological anatomy at the Imperial University of St. Vladimir at Kieff, and by N. J. Tchistovitch, professor of bacteriology at the Imperial Military Academy of Medicine, invited by his highness to come to the spot, these cases were recognized as a severe form of malarial fever, with infectious complications, originating in the intestinal canal, as well as croupy and erysipelatous pneumonia, having nothing in common with the bubonic plague.

In view of these conclusions of the experts, the measures of precaution which were enforced by his highness, until the nature of the disease should be determined, are now discontinued and the sanitary condition of the city of Samara should be recognized as entirely satisfactory.

SALVADOR.

Yellow fever in Salvador.

SAN SALVADOR, *September 1, 1899.*

SIR: Several cases of yellow fever are reported. The minister of the interior department of Salvador is reported to have died from it, on August 26. The disease seems to have confined itself to the native element. It has been reported that at a small village some 10 miles from this city, there are 11 cases. The hospital has several patients on whom the Saranelli serum is being applied. I will, if possible, procure a report as to results and transmit you the same.

Respectfully, yours,

JOHN JENKINS,
United States Consul.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

SAN SALVADOR, *September 18, 1899.*

SIR: Since my last report the yellow fever has abated to the extent that there is not a single case under treatment in the hospital. I do not consider the disease here as having reached an epidemic form this year.

Respectfully, yours,

JOHN JENKINS,
United States Consul.

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